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SUBJECT: CHAIRMAN HUA TAKES ANOTHER BOW IN PLA GREEN

1. PARTY AND MILITARY COMMISSION CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG LED A TOP LEADERSHIP TURNOUT WHICH FOR THE FIRST TIME RAISED THE POSSIBILITY THAT ALL POLITBURO MEMBERS--INCLUDING THOSE WITH PRIMARILY CIVILIAN DUTIES--COULD BE MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY COMMISSION. DLO CONTACTED LOCAL NCNA REPORTER SZETO KUNG WHO STATED THAT IT WAS "NOT NECESSARILY TRUE" AND WE THEREFORE FEEL THAT THE CHINESE LISTING IS STILL TOO IMPRECISE TO AFFIRM SUCH A CONCLUSION. NEVERTHELESS, IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT THE PRC WAS AGAIN INTENT ON PARADING FOR THE PUBLIC ITS TOP LEADERSHIP PERSONALITIES, AND IN MUCH THE SAME FASHION AS THE RECENT NPC SESSION, DEMONSTRATED AN ACTIVE STATE ADMINISTRATION (HK 14067). THE COMBINED PARTY AND PLA TURNOUT EMPHASIZES THE INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE TWO GROUPS AND CLEARLY DEMONSTRATES HOW THE PLA, BY WEIGHT OF NUMBERS ALONE, CAN DOMINATE THE PARTY'S LEADING POSITIONS.

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2. THE APPARENT INTERLOCKING OF THE PARTY AND PLA LEADING

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CONTROL ORGANS AT THE RALLY MAY HAVE BEEN INTENDED TO CONVEY AN IMAGE OF THE PARTY CONTROLLING THE GUN--MAO'S FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE FOR PARTY/PLA RELATIONS. AT THE SAME TIME IT ALSO DEMONSTRATES THAT THE PLA IS THE FOUNDATION OF THE PARTY'S POWER-BASE. IN THIS RESPECT, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE MILITARY COM-MISION MAY BE FUNCTIONING AS A LEADING BODY FOR MORE THAN JUST PLA MATTERS. THUS, IN THE ABSENCE OF A MEETING WHICH WOULD BRING LEADING PROVINCIAL FIGURES TO PEKING FOR DECISION-MAKING SESSIONS, THE MILITARY COMMISSION IN SUCH AN ENLARGED FORM ITSELF COULD CONSTITUTE AN EXPANDED POLITBURO, A POLITBURO WHICH IN THIS CASE WOULD BE EVEN MORE HEAVILY DOMINATED BY THE MILITARY.

3. THE TURNOUT AT A DECEMBER 9 RECEPTION FOR PLA MILITARY ACADEMY GRADUATES INCLUDED ALL THE PEKING-BASED POLITBURO FIG-URES AS WELL AS MILITARY COMMISSION ARMYMEN HSU HSIANG-CHIEN, NIEH JUNG-CHEN, AND SU YU. NO SPEECHES WERE REPORTED AND THE NCNA DESCRIPTION OF THE EVENT CONCENTRATED ON BUILDING UP THE IMAGE OF CHAIRMAN HUA AND THE WARM SUPPORT WHICH HE RE-CEIVED. NEVERTHELESS, ONCE AGAIN PARTY/MILITARY COMMISSION VICE CHAIRMAN YEH CHIEN-YING STOOD WITH HUA, SEPARATED FROM THE OTHERS IN THE LISTING, INDICATING HIS IMPORTANCE IN THE PRESENT POWER RELATIONSHIP.

4. THE INCLUSION, IF TRUE, OF ALL POLITBURO MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY COMMISSION COULD BE A RECENT DECISION AND CERTAINLY WOULD BE A DEPARTURE FROM PRE-CULTURAL REVOLUTION PRACTICE. IF ALL THE POLITBURO MEMBERS ARE MILITARY COMMISSION MEMBERS THEN THE LISTING SUGGESTS THAT THEY ARE AT LEAST MILITARY COM-MISSION STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHILE NON-POLITBURO MR COM-MANDERS AND FIRST POLITICAL COMMISSARS WOULD PROBABLY BE ONLY REGULAR MEMBERS OF THE MILITARY COMMISSION. SIMILARLY, WITH THE INTERLOCKING DEMONSTRATED HERE, THE THREE MILITARYMEN--HSU, NIEH, AND SU--ALSO MAY WELL HAVE BEEN SELECTED FOR POLITBURO MEMBERSHIP.

5. THIS REPORT HAS BEEN COORDINATED WITH DLO HONG KONG.
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